

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Monday, February 17, 2014

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Yadkin, State of North Carolina, met in Regular Session in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Yadkin County Human Services Building located at 217 East Willow Street, Yadkinville, NC on February 17, 2014 at 7:00pm.

Present were:

Chairman Kevin Austin
Vice Chairman David Moxley
Commissioner Gilbert Hemric
Commissioner Marion Welborn
Commissioner Frank Zachary

Staff present: County Attorney, Ed Powell; County Manager, Aaron Church; Deputy County Manager/Finance Officer, Lisa Hughes; and Deputy Clerk to the Board, Tanya Gentry.

INVOCATION led by County Manager Aaron Church.

CALL TO ORDER by Chairman Austin at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Boonville Kindergarten students.

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to adopt the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Zachary second.

Vote: 5/0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dale Holcomb, of Dobins Mill Road, addressed the Board. They would like to put a solar farm on his mother's property but they have encountered an issue with that. The County has approved zoning for solar farms but the Town has not. If they cannot get approval from the Town, they can't put in a solar farm. He came tonight to request the County speak with the Town about allowing solar farms. He also plans to address this issue again with the Town at their next Board Meeting.

Gary Mastin, of Hamptonville, addressed the Board. He has some concerns about the South Knobbs polling place. The polling place is currently an EMS building so EMS personnel has to move the EMS vehicles out of the way to make room for the polling equipment and voters. The street is narrow and the parking is not good, especially the handicap parking. There is no heating or air conditioning available. He has looked at some other options and discussed them with Elections. He requested the polling place be moved to the Swan Creek Church fellowship hall. It is within the precinct lines. He has spoken with the Church and they are willing for it to be used as a polling place. It has good parking and is handicap accessible. It has heating and air conditioning, restrooms, and a kitchen. He requested the County use the Swan Creek Church fellowship hall and pay them a couple of hundred dollars for the use of their building on Election Day. He understands the County pays Union Cross for the use of their building.

Chairman Austin closed the Public Comments portion at 7:26pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 3, 2014 Regular and Closed Session minutes were reviewed. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**

Vote: 5/0.

REPORTS/REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

There were no reports to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

The Consent Agenda items that were approved by the Board are as follows:

Solid Waste Budget Amendment

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Capital Outlay-Vehicle	6054710-56100	241,000	(15,000)	226,000
Vehicle Maintenance	6054710-53040	22,000	15,000	37,000

Additional funds are needed in maintenance due to excessive garbage truck repairs that have been needed due to the age and condition of the garbage truck.

Dorsett Technologies Contract

The contract is for Dorsett to remove 13 old thermostats in the Administration Building and replace them with 13 new Honeywell TH 8000 Redlink enabled thermostats. The Board approved the contract and authorized the County Manager to sign it.

NC Division of Public Health Agreement Addendum

The NC Division of Public Health agreement is to allow Yadkin County's local health department to participate in the North Carolina Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NE EDSS). The data gathered will be used for surveillance and reporting purposes as required by NCGS 130A.134 and 10A NCAC 41A.0101. The Board approved the agreement to participate in NC EDSS.

Submittal of Smart Start Activity Proposals

Human Services requested the Board of Commissioners authorize them to submit activity proposals to Smart Start of Yadkin County. The proposals are for \$200,000.00 of funding for direct subsidized child care and for \$40,000.00 of funding for subsidized child care administration. The funds are State Smart Start funds that will be allocated to the County. The Smart Start allocation will be reflected in the FY14-15 Budget. The Board approved the submittal of the Smart Start Activity Proposal for subsidized child care in the amount of \$200,000.00 and the Smart Start Activity Proposal for the administration of subsidized child in the amount of \$40,000.00.

PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING

Set Public Hearing to Receive Public Comments Concerning the Submittal of a CDBG Application

The County may have some upcoming water/sewer projects that could be eligible for CDBG funding. The deadline to apply for the funding will be in early April. In order for the County to submit an application, the County must hold two public hearings. A general, non-specific, public hearing must be held for the Board to receive citizen input concerning the submittal of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the NC Department of Environment & Natural Resources (NCDENR) Division of Water Infrastructure or other appropriate department. If the County does decide to apply for the CDBG funding, a second public hearing must be held concerning the specific project and application. **Commissioner Hemric made a motion to set a public hearing on the submittal of a CDBG Application for 9:00am on March 3, 2014. Commissioner Zachary second.**

Vote: 5/0.

BOARD ACTION

Revised Personnel Policy

Lisa Hughes addressed the Board. She spoke about two changes that had been made since she last spoke with the Board about the revisions to the Personnel Policy. One of the changes was to the tobacco policy. A section was added to it to cover Tobacco Products and Electronic Cigarettes. The other change was to workers' compensation. Employees must still use FMLA simultaneously with workers' compensation but they are no longer required to use accumulated sick, vacation, or comp time while they are out on workers'

compensation. The current policy does require that employees on workers' compensation to use their accumulated sick, vacation, and comp time while they are out on workers' compensation. **Commissioner Welborn made a motion to adopt the Personnel Policy revisions as presented. Vice Chairman Moxley second.**
Vote: 5/0.

Human Services Salary Adjustment for Employee #196

Kim Harrell addressed the Board. At a previous meeting the Board approved reclassifying Income Caseworkers to Eligibility Specialists at a pay grade of 64. One of the employee's that was approved to be reclassified was at a pay grade 61. The employee's salary was not increased at the time the reclassification occurred because she did not have the one year's experience that was needed to make her eligible for the minimum pay of pay grade 64. She has completed her year now and Human Services requested the Board increase her pay to \$28,581.00. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve to adjust the salary for employee #196 to bring the salary up to the minimum salary for the pay grade 64, which is \$28,581.00. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 5/0.

NCDOT CTP Resolution

County Manager Church read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION BY YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, Governor Pat McCrory was elected by a majority of the North Carolina citizens.

WHEREAS, the public has expressed frustration with the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) for many years.

WHEREAS, the Administration's Strategic Mobility Investment Plan promised to fix prior problems with the NCDOT and one of the key points of the plan was local input.

WHEREAS, there appears to be resistance from within NCDOT to actually receive local and public input.

WHEREAS, public officials at all levels of government are primarily elected to improve economic development, public safety and transportation needs.

WHEREAS, Yadkin County requested additions to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) through the NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch, and the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch RPO Coordinator confirmed receipt of these additions on October 9, 2013 and wrote back to the County, "I will be working on adding the information to the maps."

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2014 at 9:00 a. m. in the regularly scheduled Yadkin County Commissioners' meeting, the NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch provided a Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) update to the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, the County had been led to believe by the NCDOT that the following projects:

1. Rail placed on the western side of I-77,
2. Interchange to be created near Asbury Church Road on I-77 south of the US 421 interchange,
3. Interchange to be created to connect Billy Reynolds Road to US 421,

were being added to the CTP plan map.

WHEREAS, at the January 6, 2014 meeting the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch RPO Coordinator stated, "The request submitted by the County for two interchanges and rail service were considered, but the data DOT looked at did not support adding them to the County's CTP," without providing any empirical data or any other information whatsoever on this arbitrary decision.

WHEREAS, the County was never consulted with or provided any material or data regarding three of the County's top four priorities.

WHEREAS, the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch RPO Coordinator was asked by the Board of Commissioners in the public meeting to help the County understand who made this decision to omit the County's top priorities from the County's CTP, and the NCDOT - Transportation Planning Branch RPO Coordinator emphatically stated that they would provide "answers to the County's questions by the end of the week."

WHEREAS, the County has not received any formal feedback from the NCDOT - Transportation Planning Branch RPO Coordinator regarding the County's request in over thirty (30) days with the exception of a request for verification on January 6, 2014.

WHEREAS, the following projects are vital to Yadkin County's economic prosperity, especially since Yadkin County is one of the only counties in the State without rail access:

1. Rail placed on the western side of I-77,
2. New bridge between Jonesville and Elkin ,
3. Interchange to be created near Asbury Church Road on I-77 south of the US 421 interchange and
4. Interchange to be created to connect Billy Reynolds Road to US 421.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners hereby requests a joint meeting with the Secretary of Transportation and the Secretary of Commerce to discuss Yadkin County's priorities and receive assurance that these priorities are at least placed on the County's CTP plan and considered by the NCDOT in a professional and thoughtful manner.

Adopted at its regular meeting, this 17th day of February, 2014.

Commissioner Welborn made a motion to adopt the Resolution by the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners requesting the County's priorities be placed on the County's CTP plan and considered by the NCDOT. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

Human Services Salary Adjustment for Employee #196 Revisited

A mistake was found on the employee #196 salary adjustment agenda abstract that was submitted to the Board for their consideration. The minimum pay for pay grade 64 is \$29,925.00 instead of \$28,581.00 so the Board was asked to reconsider the motion that was made earlier. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to reconsider the original motion that was made. Vice Chairman Moxley second. Vote: 5/0.** The Board discussed the requested change. **Commissioner Zachary made a motion to approve to adjust the salary for employee #196 to bring the salary up to the minimum salary for the pay grade 64, which is \$29,925.00. Commissioner Hemric second.**

Vote: 5/0.

CALENDAR NOTES

- 1) March 17, 2014 – Cooperative Extension Office Report to the People from 5:15pm to 6:30pm at the Yadkin Senior Center.
- 2) March 31, 2014 – Joint Board of Commissioners/Board of Education Meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORTS/BOARD ACTION

There were no Manager's reports.

MANAGER'S BUDGET AMENDMENTS & CONTRACTS / NO ACTION REQUIRED

Animal Control Funds Transfer

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Animal Cruelty	105438052031	2,000	(580)	1,420

Advertising	105438054400	600	(347)	253
Dues/Subscriptions	105438055500	125	(72)	53
Professional Services	105438051500	8,000	999	8,999

Additional funds are needed to cover the costs of alterations for adopted animals.

Veterans Services Funds Transfer

Line Item	Account	Current Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	New Budget
Postage	1055820-54250	300	100	400
Travel/Training	1055820-54010	3,500	(100)	3,400

Additional funds are needed for postage.

BOARD VACANCIES/APPOINTMENTS

Joint Nursing Home and Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

There are two vacancies on the Committee.

Alternate on the Board of Adjustment

There is a vacancy for an alternate on the Board of Adjustment.

Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority Reappointments

The Tourism Development Authority requested that Rufus Brickey and Wayne Matthews be reappointed. Their current terms expire February 28, 2014. **Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to reappoint Rufus Brickey and Wayne Matthews to the Yadkin County Tourism Development Authority. Commissioner Welborn second.**

Vote: 5/0.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chairman Moxley thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He thinks everyone will enjoy the warmer weather that is coming. He assured Dale Holcomb and Gary Mastin that their public comments will be considered. He told Rex Baity, who was in the audience, that he thinks that was one of the best Pledge's that a group of young students have led in a long time. They spoke up and did a real fine job. He asked that Rex Baity pass that along to the rest of the Board of Education members.

Commissioner Hemric thanked everyone for coming out. He thought the kindergarten students did a real good job on leading the Pledge. He thanked Dale Holcomb and Gary Mastin for their comments. Their concerns will be looked at. He thanked Keith Vestal for his work during the storm.

Commissioner Welborn thanked the ones who came out tonight. He thanked Dale Holcomb and Gary Mastin for their comments. He thanked the Boonville kindergarten students for leading the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked Keith Vestal for his work during the storm. He knows Keith put in a lot of hours this past week.

Commissioner Zachary thanked everybody for being here tonight. It is always nice to have some company. He really enjoyed having the Boonville students lead the Pledge. They did a great job. He knows both the teachers who came tonight very well. They are fine, experienced teachers. Those kids represented Boonville School well. He appreciates Dale Holcomb and Gary Mastin being here and speaking to the Board. He thanked Keith Vestal and his staff for the many hours they put in during the snow storm. He is sure EMS helped out a lot of people that were in peril. He thanked all the County employees for their work. The employees returned to work as soon as they could once the snow storm ended. It was not the best of circumstances but they came to work and had smiles on their faces. He appreciates their attitude. He congratulated Marion Welborn on his granddaughter's achievements. She brought home all kinds of State Championships.

Chairman Austin agreed with the other Commissioners comments. He appreciates the work County staff did all the way through the storm. He also appreciates the way the County staff got back to work on Friday to serve the citizens in all the departments. That was impressive. He thanked all the staff for their work;

especially Keith Vestal and Eddie Weatherman and all the others who worked on preparedness. They got out ahead of this thing. The Proclamation was already drafted so the County could just go right on with what needed to happen. He appreciates the way the gas leak down at Suburban was handled by everyone. It was very impressive. EMS and the Sheriff's Office prepared evacuation plans in case they were needed. Thankfully everything was handled well and turned out fine. Everybody from Fire, to Emergency, to EMS and the Sheriff's Office just did a fantastic job.

Chairman Austin made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a) (1)(3)(4)(5)(6) to discuss Personnel Matters and to Protect Personnel Information that is Confidential under NCGS 153A-98, and to discuss the potential Location or Expansion of Industries or other Businesses in the County, to Establish the County's Negotiating Position for Acquiring Real Property and to Instruct the County Staff on that Position, and to have a Privileged Consultation with our County Attorney. Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

After a motion to come out of Closed Session was made and the Board was in **Open Session**,

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to create two deputy School Resource Officer positions in the Sheriff's Office at the same pay grade as the existing SRO Officers and the County will bill the School System for the entire cost less the \$14,000.00 per position per year grant match; with \$7,000.00 per SRO Officer for half this fiscal year and \$14,000 per position for the remaining years of the grant. Vice Chairman Moxley second.

Vote: 5/0.

Commissioner Hemric made a motion to pay the \$1,100.00 outside of the Ware Bonsall contract and approve moving \$1,100.00 from Contingency to Professional Services within the general Project Ordinance for the Jail Project. Commissioner Welborn second.

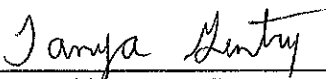
Vote: 5/0.

Vice Chairman Moxley made a motion to amend the Smith Gardner contract for solid waste consulting services to add a not to exceed amount of \$500.00 to the contract. Commissioner Welborn second.

Vote: 5/0.

Commissioner Zachary made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hemric second.

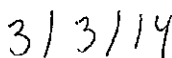
Vote: 5/0.



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Deputy Clerk to the Board



Kevin Austin, Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners



Date approved by the
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners